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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/540,201	Applicant(s) Bitsche et al.
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Status		
1) <input type="checkbox"/> Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.		
2a) <input type="checkbox"/> This action is FINAL. 2b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is non-final.		
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.		
Disposition of Claims		
4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-10</u> is/are pending in the application.		
4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.		
5) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.		
6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-10</u> is/are rejected.		
7) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.		
8) <input type="checkbox"/> Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.		
Application Papers		
9) <input type="checkbox"/> The specification is objected to by the Examiner.		
10) <input type="checkbox"/> The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.		
11) <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) <input type="checkbox"/> approved b) <input type="checkbox"/> disapproved.		
12) <input type="checkbox"/> The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.		
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119		
13) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).		
a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All b) <input type="checkbox"/> Some* c) <input type="checkbox"/> None of:		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.		
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.		
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).		
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.		
14) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).		
Attachment(s)		
15) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)		
16) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)		
17) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). <u>7</u>		
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20) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Carpenter.

Carpenter discloses a reluctance motor comprising: a rotor and at least two salient stator poles wherein each of said stator poles has an exciter coil (17) surrounding respective stator poles with one end of each of said exciter coils facing said rotor; a spring biasing device (24) contacting said end of each of said exciter coils facing said rotor wherein said spring biasing device provides a radially outward force on the ends of said exciter coils facing said rotor in a direction away from said rotor.

Regarding claim 2, wherein said spring biasing device is at least one snap ring.

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Regarding claim 3, wherein said exciter coils are gripped between the spring biasing device and a yoke of the stator.

Regarding claim 4, wherein each of said stator poles has a groove in at proximately the center of the end facing the rotor wherein said groove receives said spring biasing device.

Regarding claim 5, wherein in the axial direction of a yoke of the stator, at each end of the stator poles, an outwardly springing one of said at least one snap springs contacts the ends of the exciter coils facing the rotor.

Regarding claim 6, wherein each of said at least one snap ring is disposed of one flat side adjacent said stator poles.

Regarding claim 7, wherein each of said at least one snap ring is made of spring steel.

Regarding claim 8, the method therein is inherent given the apparatus of Carpenter.

Regarding claim 9, a reluctance motor having a motor and at least two salient stator poles with each of said stator poles being provided with an exciter coil, said reluctance motor further comprising at least one biasing mean positioned against an end of each of said exciter coils which faces said rotor to apply a radial force to said exciter coils in a direction away from said rotor.

Regarding claim 10, wherein said biasing means is a snap ring.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892.

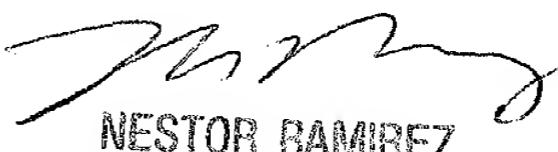
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